

CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An ultra-wideband receiver comprising:
 - a template generator structured to generate a local signal similar to a plurality of incoming ultra-wideband signals;
 - a single correlator structured to correlate the plurality of incoming ultra-wideband signals with the local signal;
 - at least one filter in communication with the correlator;
 - an energy estimator in communication with the at least one filter; and
 - a pulse detector in communication with the at least one filter.
2. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the template generator comprises:
 - a timing signal generator that generates a periodic signal;
 - a gate that gates the periodic signal to produce the local signal; and
 - an amplifier in communication with the gate.
3. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 2, wherein the gate is an AND gate.
4. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the local signal is a pulse of electromagnetic energy.
5. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 4, wherein the pulse of electromagnetic energy has a duration ranging from about 10 picoseconds to about 1 millisecond.

6. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the incoming signal comprises a plurality of pulses of electromagnetic energy.
7. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 6, wherein the plurality of pulses of electromagnetic energy comprise a plurality of ultra-wideband pulses.
8. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of ultra-wideband pulses has a duration ranging from about 10 picoseconds to about 1 millisecond.
9. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the incoming signal is modulated by at least one technique selected from a group consisting of: ternary modulation, binary phase shift keying, pulse amplitude modulation, and pulse position modulation.
10. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the single correlator comprises:
- a first filter;
 - a mixer;
 - a second filter; and
 - an amplifier.
11. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 10, wherein the first filter has a transfer function similar to a transmitter output filter.

12. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 10, wherein the first filter is a band-pass filter.
13. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 10, wherein the mixer is a multiplier configured to multiply the local signal with the incoming signal.
14. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 10, wherein the second filter is a low-pass filter.
15. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 10, wherein the amplifier is an automatic gain control amplifier.
16. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the energy estimator comprises:
- an absolute value detector; and
 - an integrator.
17. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 16, wherein the absolute value detector is a square law detector.
18. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 16, wherein the integrator is configured to integrate the signal over a predetermined time period.

19. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period ranges from about 100 nanoseconds to about 1 millisecond.

20. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period is 1 microsecond.

21. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 1, wherein the pulse detector comprises:

a sample-and-hold function; and

an analog-to-digital converter.

22. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 21, wherein the analog-to-digital converter is a multi-level analog-to-digital converter.

23. (original) The ultra-wideband receiver of claim 22, wherein the multi-level analog-to-digital converter is selected from a group consisting of: a 2 level analog-to-digital converter, a 4 level analog-to-digital converter, a 6 level analog-to-digital converter, and a 8 level analog-to-digital converter.

Claims 24-27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) An ultra-wideband receiver comprising:

- a template generator that generates a local signal similar to a plurality of incoming ultra-wideband signals;

- a single correlator structured to update the local signal based on the plurality of incoming ultra-wideband signals and recover data;

- at least one filter connected to the correlator;

- an energy estimator connected to the at least one filter; and

- a pulse detector connected to the at least one filter.

29. (Canceled)